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Pocket No.: 4619-009 **PATENT** IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE APR 2 1 2005 ication of EXPEDITED PROCEDURE Response under 37 CFR 1.116 rancis VANDERBIST et al. U.S. Patent Application No. 09/424,247 Group Art Unit: 1615 Examiner: BERKO, RETFORD O Filed: November 30, 1999 DRY POWDER INHALER EXCIPIENT, PROCESS FOR ITS PREPARATION AND For: PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION CONTAINING IT Dear Sir: Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above identified application. No additional fee is required. Small entity status of this application has been established.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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Total Claims	16	20	0	x \$ 18 =	\$ 0.00
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		TOTAL FEE DUE			\$ 0.00

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. <u>07-1337</u>, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of October 6, 2004, reconsideration is respectfully requested.